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## HEALTH AND CHILD CARE ISSUES EVALUATION COMMITTEE

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### MEETING MINUTES<sup>1</sup>

Meeting Date: July 29, 2003  
Meeting Time: 1:30 P.M.  
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,  
156-B  
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana  
Meeting Number: 1

**Members Present:** Rep. John Day, Chairperson; Sen. Connie Lawson; Sen. Frank Mrvan.

**Members Absent:** Rep. John Frenz; Rep. Vaneta Becker; Rep. Cleo Duncan; Sen. Murray Clark; Sen. Connie Sipes.

### Call To Order

Rep. John Day called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm. In opening remarks, Rep. Day explained that the change in chairmanship was not the result of a coupe, but rather that committees meeting more than one year rotate leadership between chambers. The chairman outlined the agenda for the meeting and plans for future meetings.

### Update on Committee Recommendations - Health Professions Bureau

Rep. Day invited Matt Hopper, Director of Operations and Policy, Health Professions Bureau (HPB), to update the Committee concerning recommendations made by the Committee during the previous interim. Mr. Hopper provided a written update (Exhibit 1) and addressed the Committee concerning the difficulties in segregating and attributing costs to each professional board.

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Sen. Lawson indicated that the recommendations had been made to ensure that boards were paying commensurate amounts and asked how the report this year had improved on the information provided previously.

Mr. Hopper indicated that health care professionals' fees may not be commensurate because the amount may vary based on the number of professionals belonging to a board or committee. Mr. Hopper provided the example that hypnotists pay \$100 and nurses pay \$50, but there are many more nurses than hypnotists.

Rep. Day said that last interim the Committee discussed using excess fees for professional development and that the Committee wanted to find if there were fees collected in excess of costs. Mr. Hopper said that fee revenues were directed to the General Fund and that appropriations were made to the HPB. He indicated that the appropriation for HPB had been reduced. Additionally, Mr. Hopper noted that practitioners establish fees for their professions.

Rep. Day indicated that he would like to know if revenues are collected in excess of expenditures and to see if these amounts could be spent on professional development such as inservice training and scholarships. Mr. Hopper said that revenues pay for services from other state agencies that are not included in the HPB appropriation. Examples include building and utility costs and 12 Deputy Attorneys General who prosecute practitioners.

Sen. Mrvan asked Rep. Day if he was interested in using excess revenues for one profession or if he wanted to look across the health care professions. Rep. Day expressed his interest in concentrating on the nurses and the nursing shortage. Mr. Hopper indicated that the Committee would have to consider the services received from other entities or they could short funds for other services related to licensing. Sen. Mrvan noted that the Attorney General would incur costs anyway as the state's attorney.

Responding to a question from Rep. Day, Mr. Hopper indicated that HPB receives an appropriation of \$3.8 million and that HPB is allowed to use augmentation. He said that augmentation had been used to purchase the new online renewal processing system at a cost of \$750,000 and that HPB provides background support for the Professional Licensing Agency. Rep. Day then asked if it would be easier to account for funds if HPB received revenues directly. Mr. Hopper indicated that it could make accounting easier.

Sen. Lawson returned to the question of why HPB had not determined the actual direct and indirect cost per board as discussed in the Committee recommendations. Mr. Hopper said that the LSA report from the previous interim had indicated that dividing costs among the boards is difficult. HPB had developed several methods, but needed to hire a consultant to determine the best method and would incur additional costs to implement time studies. HPB could not show that this added expense to determine the direct and indirect costs of the boards would improve services for the professions.

Rep. Day asked if anyone from the health professions would like to discuss the issue. Jim Zieba, Indiana State Medical Association, said that he was unaware of different methods to determine costs. Mr. Hopper indicated that another model was having separate boards for the various professions. He indicated that Kentucky has a separate nursing board with over 50 personnel.

Rep. Day concluded that there was not enough information and asked to hold over the issue to another meeting. He indicated that he would like to see any excess dollars available to improve the professions. Mr. Hopper concluded by saying that nurses he has talked with do not want to pay for scholarships for newer nurses from their professional license fees. He said that many of these nurses are still paying student loans and do not want to support other students. Glenna

Shelby, Indiana Association of Nurses, said that nurses surveyed by the Association do not mind having their dollars go to scholarships.

#### Update on Committee Recommendations - Family and Social Services Agency

The Chair next asked Beth Eiler, Deputy Director, Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA), to provide an update on recommendations made by the Committee concerning the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF). Ms. Eiler provided a written report (Exhibit 2) and oral comments concerning the new centralized reimbursement and intake system that FSSA will roll out by June 2004.

Sen. Lawson asked about the swipe-card system and expressed concern about minor errors on claims causing child care providers not to be paid. Ms. Eiler explained that the system is being rolled out in parts - first the eligibility and then reimbursement. Three counties will be used as pilot sites, including Madison County, Delaware County, and then Marion County.

Rep. Day asked about eligibility. Ms. Eiler indicated that the state sets the criteria, and that currently qualifying families are at 127% of poverty. With the centralized system, FSSA will be able to move funds between counties, but currently, there are many steps required to make these transfers. Rep. Day then asked about the percentage of for-profit and non-profit providers. Ms. Eiler said that about 5% of the intake providers are for-profit and that she would have to find the percentage of child care providers. Rep. Day also expressed concern about the amount of time it may take to reimburse providers. Ms. Eiler indicated that once the system was underway, there would be no paper claims or checks; funds would be automatically deposited.

#### FSSA Discussion of Issues

Rep. Day then turned the meeting to a discussion of the future of child care. Ms. Eiler was asked to address the Committee on this matter and provided a written outline of her discussion (Exhibit 3). She began by saying that the federal CCDF was up for reauthorization and that the amount that can be carried forward by a state was being reduced. Ms. Eiler reported that FSSA is looking for ways that businesses can be involved in providing child care and that there are currently 12 business partnership specialists to enlist business support. Additionally, that professionalization of child care workers would keep workers in the field. Many child care workers do not receive benefits and must move on to other work.

Rep. Day indicated that some counties are considering providing health care insurance for child care workers through county plans. General discussion concerning the provision of health care by counties ensued.

Other issues raised by Ms. Eiler included licensure of preschools with no exemptions, requiring licensure to receive CCDF payments, and prohibiting corporal punishment in licensed home care facilities.

Rep. Day asked about complaints received concerning corporal punishment in licensed homes. Ms. Eiler indicated that most of the complaints come from other centers and the concern is having a level playing field for all types of child care providers. She said that most licensed homes have signed parent agreements.

Sen. Mrvan indicated that there may be some problems in changing requirements concerning ministries. The Committee discussed the possibility that ministry could have a stronger definition.

#### Selection of Next Meeting

Rep. Day asked for discussion from the audience. Hearing no comments, he turned to selecting the next meeting date. The Committee decided to meet on September 10, 2003, at 1:30 pm to discuss child care issues. Rep. Day indicated that the third meeting would include discussion of the nursing shortage. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.